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## AHEAD OF THE NEWS

### The Soviets and Saigon

Will the Kremlin take a hand in Vietnam peace talks—and if so, when? Soviet diplomats are hinting that once a new, elected government is established in South Vietnam, Moscow will be interested in sponsoring talks between Hanoi and Saigon. The conference would follow the pattern set by the India-Pakistan peace meetings staged in Tashkent under Soviet auspices.

### Un-Private Assets

The Senate hearings on Democratic Sen. Thomas Dodd of Connecticut and his campaign funds will have one definite result—public listings of senators' private assets. Insiders expect the Senate committee which studied the Dodd affair to recommend such action and they are convinced that no senator, however opposed, will now raise his voice against it.

## INSIDE STORY

### Marching Orders

Gen. William Westmoreland, the U.S. commander in Saigon, plans to shift his headquarters out of the city to its suburbs. The reasons are economic rather than military. The general wants to ease the pressure exerted on the capital's badly inflated economy by the presence of 15,000 GI's. The problem now: finding a site.

### A Ploy Against Peking

Britain's Kremlin-watchers have their own ideas on why Leonid Brezhnev made his "secret" visit to Rumania. His purpose, London believes, was